

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

**Proclamation 17-0827
Proclaiming the Week of July 24, 2017 –July 28, 2017 as
Birmingham PREVENT Violence Week in Denver, Colorado**

WHEREAS, the City and County of Denver is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all its residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, acts of violence and extreme terror are concerns locally, nationally and internationally; and

WHEREAS, the Gang Reduction Initiative of Denver (GRID) promotes violence prevention through the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T) Program by encouraging students and families to embrace healthy lifestyles, pledge to be good citizens, and reject violence; and

WHEREAS, GRID has collaborated with federal agencies, which are educating the citizenry about violence prevention by promoting the exchange of ideas and strategies worldwide; and

WHEREAS, this exchange of ideas and strategies commenced with a visit by a delegation of community leaders from the Denver metro area to Birmingham, England in May 2017, facilitated by Cultural Vistas, and culminating with a similar Birmingham delegation visit to Denver from July 24 to July 28, 2017 sponsored by WorldDenver and the U.S. Embassy in London, to promote community engagement and foster alliances as tools in the global fight against violence; and

WHEREAS, the PREVENT program in Birmingham compliments many of the violence prevention strategies used in Denver and which the Birmingham delegation's visit to the Mile High City strengthens global cooperation, builds mutual understanding of the cultural and political diversity of our great cities while gaining an understanding of how communities promote tolerance while confronting adversity.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That in the pursuit of reducing all violence and promoting peace and safety in all communities, the Council of the City and County of Denver does hereby proclaim the week of July 24, 2017 through July 28, 2017 as Birmingham PREVENT Violence Week in Denver, Colorado.

Section 2. That the Council of the City and County of Denver encourages all residents to join our friends from Birmingham, England to PREVENT violence and pursue safe, peaceful communities.

Section 3. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that copies be transmitted to U.S. Attorney Bob Troyer; Paul Callanan, Executive Director of GRID; Chief Shawn Cohn of Denver Juvenile Probation; Jenny Presswalla of the Department of Homeland Security; Chauna Martinez of Cultural Vistas; Gergana Kostadinova of WorldDenver; and Waqar Ahmed of the City of Birmingham City Council.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL July 24, 2017

PRESIDENT